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**Remarks:**

**Re:** Liquan Chen, et al.  
(Assigned to Hewlett-Packard Development Company, L.P.)  
U. S. Patent Application No.: 10/613,522  
"Method and Apparatus For Use in Relation to Verifying an Association Between Two Parties"  
Our Ref: B-5153 621074-2/RPB

It will be appreciated if you will inform us as to the status of the above-identified U.S. patent application. This inquiry is being initiated on the basis of the fact that the subject application was filed on July 2, 2003, and an official action dealing substantively with this application has not been received. Therefore, please inform us as to when we may expect to receive an official action for the above-identified application.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,

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